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Justice Department Inspector General Report Highlights Continuing Prison Abuses

Rep. John Conyers, Jr., Ranking Member of the U.S. House Judiciary Committee, issued the following statement regarding a new Inspector General report on prison abuses (the text of the report can be found at <http://www.usdoj.gov/oig/special/0503/final.pdf>):

“This report highlights what many of us were afraid of - that the Justice Department has little control over what happens in its own facilities. In the past few years, the Inspector General found countless instances of physical and verbal abuse of inmates in American facilities; despite Justice Department promises of reform, the Inspector General has found that detainees who complained to the Inspector General were later subject to retaliation and further abuses at the hands of prison officials.

The Inspector General continues its look at the wrongful detention of Brandon Mayfield in connection with the Madrid train bombing and the role of the FBI in the Guantanamo Bay and Abu Ghraib prison abuses.”

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